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ATTACHMENT #4

**RECORD OF WITNESS INTERVIEW
KELSEY McWILLIAMS**

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DATE: November 21, 2006

LOCATION: Lee High School parking lot

PRESENT: Kelsey McWilliams, witness; NTSB Investigator Paula Sind-Prunier;
Huntsville PD Investigators Charlie Gray and Michael Leftwich

The witness is a student at Lee High School, and attends classes at the Huntsville Center for Technology. His DOB is _____ and he resides at _____, Huntsville, AL with his mother, Tabitha McWilliams. His home telephone number is _____. He completed a written statement for the Huntsville Police Department.¹

The witness was a passenger in a green Chevrolet Impala driven by William Morgan at the time of the accident, along with two other passengers. He was seated in the back, behind the front passenger's seat.

According to the witness, he looked back and saw an orange Toyota Celica driven by Tony Williams, in the right lane, trying to pass the school bus, which was in the left lane. He states that he thought the Toyota "couldn't make it," and saw the car hit the school bus near the door. He watched as the bus hit the barrier and fell over the side. He states that he saw a person fall out the window or entrance door on the right side of the bus and hit the ramp pavement before or as the bus mounted the barrier. Later, from what he heard on the news, he surmised that it must have been the driver of the school bus. He states that the Toyota and the school bus appeared to be "neck-and-neck" and it seemed like the driver of the Toyota might have let off the accelerator and swerved before hitting the bus. He stated, "Tony, he always—thought the bus was going too slow."

He states that he usually rides as a passenger in Morgan's car between the high school and Tech Center. He noted that he rides the bus on occasions when Morgan isn't there to drive. He states that Morgan always takes the same route, and that it is the same route that the bus has always taken whenever he rode the bus. He states that Morgan usually tries to leave the high school before the bus, so that they can stop off at the store en route to the Tech Center. On that morning, he states that the Chevrolet Impala passed the school bus in the vicinity of the first signal light after departing Lee High School, and that Williams (in the orange Toyota Celica) remained behind the school bus until attempting to pass the school bus on the ramp.

¹ Refer to the written statement for additional information.